Senior Surgeon will be instructed however to make arrangements for establishing a dispensary at Birur itself.

Subject No. 59.
Water-supply for Birur Town.

Summary of discussion.—Good drinking water is not easily available at Birur. Water should be brought down in pipes from the Devankere tank higher up.

Dewan's reply.—The subject of a water-supply project for Birur is under the consideration and disposal of Government. A loan of Rs. 38,000 has been promised on certain conditions and a report from the Deputy Commissioner as to the manner in which the Municipality propose to increase their income so as to enable them to repay the debt within a reasonable time is awaited. The people are stated to be willing to pay a water tax. This is satisfactory. The subject will be dealt with favorably as Government recognize that the Birur Municipality is entitled to special consideration.

Summary of discussion.—The Chikmagalur Munsiff's Court which has jurisdiction over the Kadur Taluk, is 25 miles from Kadur itself, and about 50 miles from some villages belonging to the Kadur Taluk. It is difficult to go all this distance to Chikmagalur to institute a suit. Hence it is requested that a Munsiff's Court may be established at Birur which would be midway between the two existing Munsiffs' Courts at Chikmagalur and Yedahalli. This will also greatly improve the town.

Dewan's reply.—The proposed Railway to Chikmagalur will have a material effect on this question. The proposal must therefore lie over for the present.

Subject No. 61.
Telegraph Office required at Tarikere.

Summary of discussion.—A telegraph office is required at Tarikere. The people have addressed the Postal authorities on the subject, but have not yet succeeded in getting one.

Dewan's reply.—The Deputy Commissioner says that he has recommended one, and the result will be awaited.

Subject No. 62.
Road required from Lingadhalli to Sampigekan.

Summary of discussion.—A road is required from Lingadhalli to Sampigekan.

Dewan's reply.—It is matter for consideration by the Local Fund Board and recommendation to Government in the Public Works Department.

Subject No. 63.
Conservancy of Chikkere Tank (Tarikere Taluk).

Summary of discussion.—The bund of the Chikkere tank should be widened in the southern portion, so as to prevent the foul water of the town from percolating into the tank which supplies drinking water nearly to the whole of the Tarikere town.

Dewan's reply.—The Chief Engineer will be requested to investigate this subject.

Subject No. 64.
Lingadhalli jungle and Railway fuel.

Summary of discussion.—The transfer of the Lingadhalli jungle to the Railway authorities for fuel purposes is contem-

plated. The transfer would be detrimental to the interests of the local raiyats. It is sbmitted that those authorities may be permitted to take fuel in the reserved forests. This arrangement will remove the raiyats' complaints on the one hand and profit the Government on the other.

Dewan's reply.—The transfer alluded to is not contemplated.

Subject No. 65.
Koppa Water-supply.

Summary of discussion.—Koppa town has greatly enlarged. It consists of about 300 houses and pays a mohatarafa of Rs. 460. There is a large market held every week here. Three or four thousand people and three or four hundred carts gather at the weekly fair. The existing few wells in the town and the adjacent stream (Musarehalla) do not supply a sufficient quantity of drinking water. The existing wells though dug to the depth of 11 mens' height are useless and the well which the Local Fund Board intend to excavate does not promise to fare better. In order to obviate the hardship keenly felt by the towns people and visitors on market days, it is requested that water may be supplied to the whole town through pipes from the Hirekere tank situated to the west of the town. There are marks of an old channel which formerly led water to the town from Hirekere.

Dewan's reply.—It is doubtful that an expensive water-supply project may be undertaken for a town with but 300 houses. The proposal will however be investigated by the Deputy Commissioner.

Subject No. 66.
Upset price on lands fit for coffee culture.

Summary of discussion.—On the representation made during the Dasara Meeting of 1888, the Dewan stated that he would order Rs. 5 per acre as the upset price to be fixed for land taken up for coffee cultivation in blocks of 5 acres and less, but in the Land Revenue Rules (para 6, Appendix E) since issued, Rs. 10 is the rate fixed. It is requested that Rs. 5 per acre as orginally ordered may be levied.

Dewan's reply.—The Deputy Commissioner does not consider that Rs. 10 is too high a price to pay for land fit for coffee. It is small compared with the outlay which a coffee planter is prepared to incur on coffee culture. The rate probably presses hard on the small cultivator, who takes up but a small area. On the other hand, a small area often means the best part of a survey number. The subject shall however be examined and some relief granted if practicable.

Subject No. 67.
Repair of Tanks in the Malnad.

Summary of discussion.—The Malnad tanks are but small kattes partly irrigating lands below them. If any katte has to be improved, the rule that the earthwork should be carried out by raiyats concerned will be applied. It is hard upon them to be required to do the earthwork, or contribute money towards it, as the major portion of the work would be earthwork. Therefore it is proposed that such work as may remain